11 DEC 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT

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1 Proposed FY 1974 Position Reductions

REFERENCE

: DD/S 72-4469 dtd 1 Dec 1972, same subject

1. This memorandum is for your information only.

- 2. In response to your request in the referenced memorandum, we have designated 25X9 level of to be eliminated. We have additionally identified these positions into four (4) categories listing those that would have the least impact on programs first.
 - 3. As you are aware, the positions in Category I were designated earlier to comply with our FY 1973 reductions and although some of the incumbents are still on board, the positions have been eliminated. The remaining positions indicated on the attached categorized listing would therefore be designated for FY 1974 in compliance with your request. It should be noted, however, that in a memorandum dated 7 December 1972, forwarded to the Executive Director-Comptroller through the Deputy Director for Support concerning we have proposed that if conditions 25X1A warrant and 2 be liquidated. If this is approved, one (1) or more staff positions under Category IV will be substituted for those we will no longer need for this proprietary.
 - 4. You will note that each category in the attachment has an analysis of the impact that each particular group of positions will cause on this Office and its programs. Summarized, the elimination of these positions, and in particular the reflected in Categories II through IV, will adversely affect this Office and its

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E2 IMPDET CL BY: 011318 programs across the board. Investigations, clearances, physical security services, and operational support activities will either be slowed down or sharply curtailed. In short, the quality and quantity of this Office's programs will suffer without considering the positions we have or will lose on other office T/O's. However, the most serious by-product of such a cut would be the viability of this Office. For almost three years now, we have been unable to hire young professionals to train and develop as replacements for the high level of professional retirements we expect by the end of the 1970's. If this situation continues without a commensurate reduction in programs, this Office will be faced with a serious professional expertise gap in the late 1970's. Insofar as programs are concerned, we are being asked to staff two new ones in the future,

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Prior to your referenced request to identify positions for 2 possible reduction, we had planned to absorb as many of the twenty-one positions as possible from within and seek additional contract ceiling for those we could not absorb. Further, we have continued with several functions over the past years even though we were required to eliminate the position, two 25X1A

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positions and the courier position. Added to the above is the assumption of the Top Secret Control function without any increase in personnel.

5. This Office's overall promotional headroom picture, which has been extremely limited, will become critical with further personnel reductions.

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Director of Security

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Attachment - (Calegories I - IV)

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